

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of performing data detection in a wireless communication system, comprising[:];
  - deriving log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of a first data stream based on received symbols for a data transmission, wherein the first data stream is a base stream for a hierarchical coded data transmission;
  - deriving data symbol estimates for the first data stream based on the received symbols;
  - computing a decoded base stream based on decoding the LLRs for code bits of the first data stream to obtain decoded data for the first data stream;
  - estimating interference due to the first data stream based on the decoded base data stream;
  - re-encoding and remodulating the decoded data to obtain remodulated symbols for the first data stream, wherein the interference due to the first data stream is estimated based on the remodulated symbols;
  - deriving enhancement LLRs by subtracting based on the estimated interference due to the first data stream from and the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream; [[and]]
  - adjusting the enhancement LLRs based on the remodulated symbols and the data symbol estimates, comprising:
    - detecting errors in the data symbol estimates based on the remodulated symbols;
    - setting LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error to erasures for decoding;
    - deriving correction factors for the data symbol estimates detected to be in error;
    - and
    - updating the LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error;

computing a decoded enhancement stream based on the enhancement LLRs, wherein the decoded enhancement stream is an enhancement stream for a hierarchical coded data transmission.

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream are derived from the received symbols in real-time without buffering the received symbols.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
storing the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream in a buffer; and  
storing the enhancement LLRs in the buffer by overwriting the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK) is used for both the first and decoded enhancement data streams.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a modulation scheme with a higher order than quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK) is used for the first data stream, the method further comprising:  
deriving received symbol estimates based on the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream, and wherein enhancement LLRs are derived based on the received symbol estimates and the estimated interference.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the deriving received symbol estimates includes:  
forming two equations for each received symbol based on LLRs for all code bits of a data symbol carried in the received symbol for the first data stream, and wherein a received symbol estimate for the received symbol is derived from the two equations.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein LLRs for code bits of the first data stream and enhancement LLRs are derived based on a dual-max approximation.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
deriving channel gain estimates for a wireless channel used for the data transmission, and wherein LLRs for code bits of the first stream, enhancement LLRs and the interference due to the first data stream are derived with the channel gain estimates.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication system utilizes orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM), and wherein the received symbols are from a plurality of subbands.
12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a wireless communication system, comprising:
  - a first computation unit operative to derive log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of a first data stream based on received symbols for a data transmission;
  - a second computation unit operative to derive data symbol estimates for the first data stream based on the received symbols;
  - modules configured to compute a decoded base stream based on the LLRs for code bits of the first data stream received from the first computation unit;
  - an interference estimator operative to estimate interference due to the first data stream based on the decoded base stream;
  - an encoder and modulator operative to re-encode and remodulate the decoded base stream to obtain remodulated symbols for the first data stream, and wherein the interference estimator is operative to estimate the interference due to the first data stream based on the remodulated symbols;

a ~~second~~ third computation unit operative to derive enhancement LLRs by subtracting the estimated interference due to the first data stream from the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream; [[and]]

a LLR adjustment unit operative to adjust the LLRs for code bits of the enhancement stream by:

detecting errors in the data symbol estimates based on the remodulated symbols;

setting LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error to

erasures for decoding;

deriving correction factors for the data symbol estimates detected to be in error;

and

updating the LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error with the correction factors; and

modules configured to compute a decoded enhancement stream based on the enhancement LLRs.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:

a buffer operative to store the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream and to store the enhancement LLRs by overwriting the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:

a channel estimator operative to derive channel gain estimates for a wireless channel used for the data transmission, and wherein the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream, the enhancement LLRs and the interference due to the first data stream are derived with the channel gain estimates.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a wireless communication system, comprising[[:]]:

means for receiving a hierarchical coded data transmission, the hierarchical coded data transmission comprising a base stream and an enhancement stream;

means for deriving log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of ~~a first data~~ the base stream based on received symbols for ~~[[a]]~~ the hierarchical coded data transmission, wherein the LLRs for the code bits of the base stream are derived from the received symbols in real-time without buffering the received symbols;

means for deriving data symbol estimates for the base stream based on the received symbols;

means for computing a decoded base stream based on the LLRs for code bits of the ~~first data~~ base stream received from the LLR deriving means;

means for decoding the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream to obtain decoded data for the base stream;

means for estimating interference due to the ~~first data~~ base stream based on the decoded base stream and the data symbol estimates;

means for re-encoding and remodulating the decoded data to obtain remodulated symbols for the base stream, wherein the interference due to the base stream is estimated based on the remodulated symbols;

means for deriving ~~enhancement~~ LLRs for code bits of the enhancement stream by subtracting the estimated interference due to the ~~first data~~ base stream from the LLRs for the code bits of the ~~first data~~ base stream; ~~[[and]]~~

means for adjusting the LLRs for the code bits of the enhancement stream based on the remodulated symbols and the data symbol estimates, comprising:

means for detecting errors in the data symbol estimates based on the remodulated symbols;

means for setting LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error to erasures for decoding;

means for deriving correction factors for the data symbol estimates detected to be in error; and

means for updating the LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error with the correction factors;

means for computing a decoded enhancement stream based on the ~~enhancement~~ LLRs for code bits of the enhancement stream; and

means for storing LLRs for the code bits of the base stream and LLRs for the code bits of the enhancement stream, wherein LLRs for the code bits of the enhancement stream are stored by overwriting the LLRs for the code bits of the base stream.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method of performing data detection in a wireless communication system, comprising:

deriving log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of a first data stream based on received symbols for a data transmission;

deriving ~~needed~~ data symbol estimates for the first data stream based on the received symbols or the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream;

decoding the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream to obtain decoded data for the first data stream;

re-encoding and remodulating the decoded data to obtain remodulated symbols for the first data stream;

~~computing a decoded stream based on at least one of the received symbols and the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream using a set of modules;~~

estimating interference due to the first data stream based on the ~~needed~~ data symbol estimates; [[and]]

deriving LLRs for code bits of a second data stream based on the received symbols and the estimated interference;

adjusting the LLRs for the code bits of the second data stream based on the remodulated symbols and the data symbol estimates for the first data stream;

performing an error detection function for the data symbol estimates based on the remodulated symbols;

deriving correction factors for the data symbol estimates detected to be in error; and

updating LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error with the correction factors.

~~wherein the second data stream is provided to the modules to produce an enhanced decoded data stream.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the ~~needed~~ data symbol estimates are derived by making hard decisions on either the received symbols or the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream.

22-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the LLRs for the code bits of the first and second data streams are derived from the received symbols in real-time without buffering the received symbols.

26. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising:  
buffering the LLRs for the code bits of the first and second data streams for subsequent decoding.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a wireless communication system, comprising:  
a first computation unit operative to derive log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of a first data stream based on received symbols for a data transmission;  
a decision unit operative to derive data symbol estimates for the first data stream based on the received symbols;  
an interference estimator operative to estimate interference due to the first data stream based on the data symbol estimates;  
a decoder operative to decode the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream to obtain decoded data for the first data stream;  
an encoder and modulator operative to re-encode and remodulate the decoded data to obtain remodulated symbols for the first data stream; [[and]]  
a second computation unit operative to derive log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of a second data stream based on the estimated interference and the LLRs for code bits of the first data stream;

a symbol error detector configured to perform an error detection function for the data symbol estimates based on the remodulated symbols; and

an adjustment unit operative to adjust the LLRs for the code bits of [[a]] the second data stream based on the remodulated symbols and the data symbol estimates for the first data stream, wherein the adjustment unit is operative to set the LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error to erasures for decoding, to derive correction factors for data symbol estimates detected to be in error and to update LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error with the correction factors.

~~wherein information from the adjustment unit is combined with data from the decision unit to form estimates of enhancement data symbols.~~

29-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for a wireless communication system, comprising[:];

means for deriving log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) for code bits of a first data stream based on received symbols for a data transmission;

means for deriving ~~unused~~ data symbol estimates for the first data stream based on the received symbols;

means for estimating interference due to the first data stream based on the ~~unused~~ data symbol estimates; [[and]]

means for decoding the LLRs for the code bits of the first data stream to obtain decoded data for the first data stream;

means for re-encoding and remodulating the decoded data to obtain remodulated symbols for the first data stream, wherein the interference due to the first data stream is estimated based upon the remodulated symbols;

means for deriving LLRs for code bits of a second data stream based on the received symbols and the estimated interference;

means for adjusting the LLRs for the code bits of the second data stream based on the remodulated symbols and the data symbol estimates wherein the means for adjusting comprises:



means for detecting errors in the data symbol estimates based on the remodulated symbols;

means for setting LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error to erasures for decoding;

means for deriving correction factors for the data symbol estimates detected to be in error; and

means for updating the LLRs for code bits of the data symbol estimates detected to be in error with the correction factors; and

means for computing a decoded enhancement stream based on the LLRs for code bits of the second data stream.

32-37. (Canceled)